IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff. Case No. 3:15-cr-93 VS. JARRATT TURNER, Defendant. BEFORE THE HONORABLE MARVIN E. ASPEN, DISTRICT JUDGE TRANSCRIPT 0F **PROCEEDINGS** April 16, 2018 Sentencing Hearing **APPEARANCES:** For the Government: Ms. Carrie Daughtrey Asst. U.S. Attorney 110 Ninth Avenue S., Suite A961 Nashville, TN 37203 For the Defendant: Mr. Dumaka Shabazz Asst. Federal Public Defender 810 Broadway, Suite 200 Nashville, TN 37203 PREPARED BY: CATHY B. LEIGH, RDR, CRR Court Reporter 126 Babb Drive Joelton, TN 37080 (615) 512-7544

The above-styled cause came on to be heard on April 16, 2018, before the Honorable Marvin E. Aspen, District Judge, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

THE COURT: Good morning. Would you state your

names for the record, please.

MS. DAUGHTREY: Carrie Daughtrey for the United States, Your Honor.

MR. SHABAZZ: Your Honor, Damaka Shabazz for Mr. Turner.

THE COURT: Okay. We're here for sentencing of Mr. Turner. He is charged in a 16-count indictment, 16 counts of something kind of like 16 counts of production of child pornography and one count of transportation of child pornography. There is no plea agreement in the case.

The Probation Department has recommended a total sentence of 120 years. The government recommends a similar sentence; same sentence, I should say. The defendant requests a sentence of 30 years.

I have read all of the presentence materials, including a letter that I received on behalf of the defendant from Mr. Pitts. Is this a correct recitation of the current status of the case?

MR. SHABAZZ: It is, Your Honor. And we have two other letters that I would read to the Court today before my client makes allocution.

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    from Ms. Maria Andrews. That's Jarratt Turner's mother.
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    This was -- I have spoken to her several times. This is very
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    she could not be here today.
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Your Honor, I have written this letter time and time again only to rewrite and throw away. It seems that there is really not much I can say or do to make the horrible and tragic situation better. I apologize to all those involved in this situation for what happened. I wish I could somehow make it different, but that is not possible.

I can tell you that no matter the circumstances, I love my son, Jarratt, and will always love him. The Jarratt I knew was always a person of great intellect and integrity. He loved fishing, skiing and traveling with us and his grandparents. He was a very easy baby and sensitive adolescent.

He had many turbulent times as a teenager and young adult, but he did manage to turn it around. Throughout those difficult and problematic times, he was still sensitive and caring to those he loved and knew.

Your Honor and those who are part of this concern, I can again only tell you that I am deeply sorry and take a bit of blame on myself. I have asked myself so many times if only. There is no way for me to make you heal. I wish I could. But with a heavy heart, I want you to know that I love Jarratt and I believe he is deep in his heart sorry for his transgressions and very remorseful. Thank you and love to Jarratt, Maria Andrews.

Your Honor, the next letter is from his uncle,

Dana Andrews.

Dear Senior Judge Aspen: In many ways these are the most difficult words I have ever written. I write to support my nephew, Jarratt, and hopefully this letter gets to you in timely manner.

I am fairly certain that you, Senior Judge Aspen, know how devastating a case like this can be. As part of Jarratt's family, I can assure you that we all are bewildered and saddened and angered by his actions and crimes.

We have likened the facts of this case to other dissimilar cases one often reads about in the news, that of an angry, isolated gunman who wreaks havoc at school on unsuspecting victims. While watching the news and seeing details emerge, like many others I have tried to understand what the families of the victims probably go through. I empathize and imagine their grief and shutter to think about being in their shoes.

I have also thought about the perpetrators of such crimes, and I have tried to imagine what his family must be going through, what his mother or father or extended family must be feeling asking themselves such questions where did I go wrong, what did I miss, and making statements to themselves such as no, no, not my son. No way. Not the boy I have known my whole life.

Alas, Jarratt is my nephew and one who has been

convicted of crimes that are so difficult to imagine that I don't want to imagine. Yet, any denials about his case are wasted thoughts.

However, he is my sister's only child as a boy who has always been sweet, kind and genuine, humorous, talented and spiritual. I believe that his positive character traits are still with him. Those parts of his soul are the ones that stand out and have remained with him into adulthood: His love for his family, his love for his mother and his sharp, fine mind, his ability to learn and practice what he has learned, his talent in music and art and his understanding for other people who may be going through exceedingly trying times in their lives and his ability to help them through those times. He has demonstrated the latter quite often.

I have exchanged a few letters with Jarratt. In those letters, I see his devastation regarding his conviction. I see his soul searching. He understands the seriousness of his conviction and his guilty plea. I know that he has crushed others, specifically his victims, their families, and not least of all, his family. His recognition for this devastation is clear to me.

Nonetheless, as I have stated, I believe that he has taken stock, and I am certain that he knows that the rest of his life must travel 180 degrees from the rabbit hole he

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Besides Jarratt's intellect and compassion I have seen him demonstrate for others, I know his work ethic. he has a positive focus, once he sees the good that can do, once he sees that hard work is a good thing and all these things he sees very clearly, there is no stopping him. Specifically, I believe that he can turn his life around. Ι know that he will not only help himself through programs like Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, but others. He will make sure that he reaches out to numerous others who find themselves in this position. He has the ability to not only help others who have been convicted of crimes like this and do everything in his power to help get them onto a straight path of being kind and compassionate toward others instead of But because of his help and focus, multiple lives down the road will be affected in a positive way. I believe this.

I may not have the right to ask Your Honor, but I hope somewhere within you it is possible that to see in Jarratt's case there is a real possibility that putting him in the right position and the right place for the reasonable amount of time regarding his coming incarceration will allow him to turn his life around, to rid himself at the very least and quiet himself of whatever negativity that has brought him to this point. I believe it is probable. All I humbly ask

1 is that somewhere you harbor a thought of it being possible. Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts 2 and words, Your Honor, and thank you for considering all that 3 4 I have put forth. No matter what your decision and decree may be, I will respect it, and I believe our family will do 5 Sincerely, Dana R. Andrews. so also. 6 7 Your Honor, I will just put these up as Defense 8 Exhibit Collective 1. 9 THE COURT: We will enter those letters of record. 10 Does the government have any evidence it wishes to 11 present? 12 MS. DAUGHTREY: Your Honor, the government does not have any evidence. I do also have a letter from 13 14 , who is the mother of one of the victims. 15 here in court, along with another family member of the male child in this case. She has asked also that I read a letter 16 17 on her behalf. 18 (Portion under seal in separate volume.) 19 MS. DAUGHTREY: And, Your Honor, given the fact that her name and her son's name are in the record, I would 20 21 ask that this portion of the sentencing hearing be placed 22 under seal. 23 THE COURT: All right. 24 MS. DAUGHTREY: So the identity won't be released. 25 THE COURT: That motion will be allowed.

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THE COURT: Do you want to go first or the government?

MR. SHABAZZ: Either way, Your Honor. At the appropriate time, Mr. Turner would like to make a statement.

THE COURT: Unless you wish otherwise, I will let him have the last word.

MR. SHABAZZ: Sure.

THE COURT: The government may proceed.

MS. DAUGHTREY: Your Honor, knowing that you have read through all the sentencing materials, I am not going to rehash my sentencing memorandum, which was very long. But I do want to just make a few statements. This is one of the most heinous crimes that I have ever seen involving children in the Middle District of Tennessee. This defendant was a leader in a close-knit group of people who were working to conquer their addictions. He took advantage of them. groomed them to the point where they were willing to let him babysit their children. They trusted him, and they didn't have a whole lot of disposable income to go out and hire somebody, so it was a relief to them to have somebody who was willing to help them out to let them go out on a date night. And he took advantage of these vulnerable children.

And then when he did babysit them over a course of many, many months, he perpetrated each parent's worst

nightmare. He sexually molested these very young children, including penetrated them, and recorded that molestation. The children both were nonverbal. One was a toddler, one was an infant so they couldn't go to anybody or tell him to stop or go to anybody else and say, I am not comfortable with this. Please help me.

And then Mr. Turner shared these images and videos online, some of which had been seen by the National Center for Missing Exploited Children in another unrelated case. These images and videos are out on the Internet. They can never be taken back. And it is unclear how many other people are going to have access to them and whether or not these images are going to haunt these children throughout their lifetimes.

We cannot begin to know what impact this kind of trauma is going to have on these children, how their adult lives are going to play out. What we do know is that adverse childhood experiences, or ACEs they are called, can have a really devastating effect on people's lives. I think probably these kind of traumatic childhood experiences have had a bad effect on Mr. Turner's life as well, but that does not give him carte blanche to go forward and abuse children like this.

This crime is doubtlessly going to perpetrate itself throughout the lives of these victims and their

families some way or another. And while the crime is not murder, as the defendant so aptly points out in his sentencing papers, it is possible that these experiences are going to result in something that is akin to a living death to these two children and their families.

Each of these victims and their families deserve justice, Your Honor. These families deserve to know that the justice system is working for them and that this defendant will never be able to perpetrate this kind of abuse against another child again.

For these reasons, the United States is asking for a sentence 120 years or whatever that will keep this man in prison long enough that he never is able to do this to another child again. Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Counsel.

MR. SHABAZZ: Honorable Judge Aspen, Jarratt
Turner is here today asking for a sentence of 30 years. We
have outlined in great detail many of the things that Mr.
Turner has gone through, he himself a victim of almost every
single ACE that the government has set forth. What stands
out the most in his childhood trauma is being raped by his
father at a young age. This cause put Mr. Turner on a path
to where he never fully understood who he was. Never fully
understood his sexuality. And it caused a lot of pain as he
grew up.

We also indicated in our briefing at least two other occasions that Mr. Turner was raped. We believe that this has put a lifelong imprint on Mr. Turner that has manifested itself in a horrible and negative way.

But we also understand with the bipolar depression, the drug addiction, all of those things add up to what we would consider a very traumatic childhood for Mr. Turner.

In some ways, as we noted, you know, he grew up in a home with two parents for the most part. His needs were taken care of. But there was a dark side that has left a horrible imprint on Mr. Turner that he is still dealing with.

When the Court considers public safety, a sentence of 30 years would keep the public safety from anything that Mr. Turner could do for the next three decades. But in addition to that, he would be allowed to have treatment while he is in prison, both drug treatment, and, more importantly, treatment that will go specifically towards his crimes. We have outlined in detail the nature of those. We have outlined in detail the different components of those, and Mr. Turner, we believe, will benefit from those.

Similarly, when Mr. Turner is released, he will be on a lifetime supervision. He also would be under treatment from a sponsor that the government has chosen. Probation would order that he go to a specific therapist, and, again,

that is chosen from the government.

Mr. Turner, during much of my representation, has been in a very dark spot. There was numerous meetings where sometimes all we did was sit and Mr. Turner cry, and it took us a long time to really get to the meat of the case. And that is the type of remorse that I have noticed from Mr. Turner.

During our conversations, he never felt that he was trying to groom the families. He knew these families before they even had kids. They have gone through a lot of ups and downs together. But what hurts him most is the fact that these were people that trusted him and people that he had grown to love himself, and he has committed a horrible crime against them and their children. And that is something that every day he tells me that he deals with and every day is pained by.

So, Your Honor, we would ask for a sentence of 30 years. We do not believe in this matter it is not a murder, and to sentence him to die in prison would be to accept this as a sentence of murder. We have outlined his life expectancy of a white male is 80 years. However, as the government pointed out, with ACEs you can subtract another 20 years. And the BOP and federal government have acknowledged that they basically look at the harsh impacts of prison as taking another ten to 15 years off a person's life.

We believe around the early sixties would be a life sentence for Jarratt. We ask that a sentence of 30 years. We believe that that would be appropriate in this matter and will address the safety concerns, the recidivism, as well as any type of respect for the law. And we very humbly ask this court for a sentence of 30 years. And Mr. Turner also would like to make an allocution.

THE DEFENDANT: Thank you.

I would like to begin by taking opportunity to apologize to the victims and their families. I am so sorry for everything my actions have put you through. When I entered your lives, it was never my intention for any of this to happen. I have spent many sleepless nights sick to my stomach with disgust over the damage and pain I have caused. I had one night in particular looking at my reflection in the mirror, I collapsed into a ball crying. I am sorry. If I could go back and undo everything that has happened, I would, but I can't. So all I can do is offer my sincerest apologies.

Since my arrest, I have prayed every day that you find peace, comfort, and healing, and I will continue to do so.

Your Honor, for 33 years I led a good life overall, despite the pain and trauma I endured as a result of physical, mental, and sexual abuse. I had my struggles with

addiction but had many wonderful friends and family members who loved me through my struggles. They saw the good in me that shone through my darkest days. This is why when I found my way into recovery, I made a point to help those who were still struggling any chance that I could.

Despite being in recovery for several years, I had yet to address issues and addiction stemming from sexual abuse. This led me to my involvement with Internet pornography in the summer of 2014. During this time, I met a man online and became involved in an unhealthy relationship with him. During one of our liaisons, he introduced me to child pornography. These images triggered memories from my childhood sexual abuse that were filled with trauma, guilt, and also some degree of pleasure. For whatever reason, my mind fixated on the latter, and I became obsessed with finding more.

I found a website where many people were posting images they claimed to be their children, and I noticed many people were wanting to exchange child pornography within the comments of said images. Against my better judgment, I opened an account with nonpornographic images of my victims. I received offers of child pornography for nude images. And again, against my better judgment, I posted nude images of my victims. This opened Pandora's box, so to speak, and the next thing I knew, I was meeting all kinds of people online

wanting to exchange chid pornography for sexually explicit images and video of my victims.

When this began, I became addicted to child pornography and found myself in the darkest hole I had ever dug myself into. Upon my arrest, my spiritual advisor in recovery, known as a sponsor, informed me that he was going to stay by my side as my sponsor no matter what. He told me that there was a 12-step program called Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous where people with the same issues I had could find recovery and live normal, productive lives. He told me he was a member who had sponsored men that committed the same crimes as I had, and they were able to find recovery.

Since that time, I have received the Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous literature and began working the 12 steps with my sponsor. I have shared this information and literature with other people who have been arrested for similar crimes and even began having 12-step meetings in our cells when I was housed at Grayson County.

This leads me to my plans for release. Your Honor, after my release from prison, I plan to lead a life of total transparency. I plan to continue my recovery in Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous as well as all programs provided by the government and share my story with as many people as possible. If my story can prevent one person from making the same mistakes I have made and prevent them from abusing a

child, I will have considered my life a success.

Since the mid 2000s, the Federal Bureau of Prisons has opened 13 prisons that I know of designated to house sex offenders. This is obviously an issue that is not going away but is rather growing. I am asking you to allow me to be a part of the solution by allowing me to be a free man some day so I can share my story and message of recovery with others like myself in an effort to prevent others from committing these crimes in the first place. I plan to do this in prison as well as whatever time I have left in life as a free man.

Your Honor, I am asking that you have mercy with me and keep my sentence to around 30 years. At 30 years, the Bureau of Prisons could house me in a medium security prison, thus making me eligible to serve my time in Marianna, Florida. There are many victims of my crimes, including my own family, especially my mother. Being in Marianna would ease my family's pain somewhat by placing me close enough to visit on a regular basis, as they are located in Florida. My mother has not seen me in over three years, and one of my greatest fears is that she will pass away while I am in prison.

Thirty years will also leave me enough time left on this Earth to carry out plans to share my story with as many people as possible in an effort to prevent others from harming children, harming families, and becoming involved

with child pornography.

The victims, their families, and yourself have my promise that I will dedicate the rest of my life to this.

Thank you for allowing me to address this court.

MR. SHABAZZ: Your Honor, he brought up, he mentioned Marianna. We would request either the FCI Marianna or the one in Tucson, Arizona as a recommendation.

THE COURT: All right. That will be my recommendation.

MR. SHABAZZ: Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Well, this is one of the cases that I think every judge dreads to be the sentencing judge for. I have no doubt as you stand here before me the sincerity of your words. I am only sorry that your father began this chain that you are passing on to others was not intercepted at a time that would help you.

We have so many cases before the Court where you can trace the defendant's plunge in the hole of criminality and antisocial behavior to parental setting. In that case, in that sense, rather, your case is not unusual. Doesn't make it any less tragic, but not unique.

Giving you the benefit of the doubt with treatment and assuming the sincerity of your words and even the ability that you have to keep the demons away for the rest of your life, I can't give you the sentence that your attorney asked

for because, unfortunately, there are other considerations that are important. If there is a ten percent chance that you out on the streets can revert, act to the type of conduct that put you in this situation in the first place, I can't take that chance. This is not a case where, you know, I could take a chance on a shoplifter or some other petty criminal, even a drug user, chronic drug user, and say gee whiz, there is a ten percent chance, and I am going to let that person out on the street because the consequences, although bad, if he commits a crime again are not so bad that we can't take a risk on that person.

So if I presume that there is a 90 percent chance that you will never get in trouble again in a case like this involving innocent children whose lives can be ruined just the way your life was ruined by somebody else who did the same thing to you, I can't take a chance on it because one of the goals of sentencing is to protect society. And I am not talking about to deter other people from committing the same crime. That's called general deterrence. Neither have been talking about specific deterrence to defer you from committing the crime. I am talking simply about protecting society.

The Probation Department's recommendation under these circumstances is harsh but not unreasonable and is appropriate.

I am going to sentence you on Counts One, Two, Four, Seven, Eight, and Nine, to 15 years custody on each count, concurrent with one another but consecutive to all other counts.

On Counts Three, 10, 11, 12 and 13, 15 years per count concurrent with one another but consecutive to all other counts.

On Counts 15 and 17 concurrent with each other but consecutive to all other counts, which if my math is correct -- when I say months, I take that back; it is years each time I have spoken of 15.

So if my math is correct, we are talking about a total of 105 months (sic). And I will ask the Probation Department to make sure that my calculations are correct. Years. Let the record reflect whenever I have said months in articulating the sentence, I have meant years.

So we have 105 years total. Again, that is my intent, and if there is if I have done the math incorrectly, I will ask the Probation Department to verify that. And I will correct it before I enter judgment on the sentence.

There will be a special assessment of \$1,700, no fine or other costs.

There will be a lifetime of supervised release on each count concurrent with each other.

I am going to recommend that you receive the type

of treatment that you need while incarcerated both in terms of substance abuse as well as mental health. I hope that you do write your story. I hope you publish it. I hope it would be a great catharsis for you, and it would be a chance for you to make some atonement for what you have done. But more importantly, I think it will be a help to other people who are dabbling with this problem and these urges.

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I expect you will spend the rest of your life in prison. You are 36. One hundred five years, even with time out for good behavior, is going to put you in prison for the rest of your life. I said 105 because not in this case but I have other cases where prosecution asked for artificial sentences for shock purposes in a thought that that's going to deter others. I even had a case where somebody some prosecutor asked for a thousand years. That's nonsense. 0ne hundred five years is going to keep you in prison for your natural life. And that is unfortunate, and I am not giving you the sentence with any great pleasure on my part. There is no vindictiveness on my part either. The parents want to be vindictive, but vindictiveness is not coming from me. What's coming to me is a concern for defenseless people out there who are your potential victims.

There is restitution to be ordered in this case on an agreed amount, and I will make that part of my order as well. And so I have the correct amount in front of me, what

is the amount? 1 2 MS. DAUGHTREY: The amount was \$15,552 for each 3 for the two victims so a total of about 31. 4 THE COURT: We'll order that restitution. 5 I have to set the special conditions of supervised release even though it is unlikely that that's going to be 6 7 relevant in this your case. 8 The conditions are that you fulfill restitution. You make yourself available for substance abuse 9 and mental health treatment if the Probation Department so 10 11 requests, as well as sex offender counseling. 12 That you register as a sex offender immediately 13 after you are released from the penitentiary. 14 That you abstain from alcohol or narcotic drugs. 15 That you keep the Probation Department advised of 16 your residence and employment. 17 That your conduct be restricted from associating 18 with children under 18 years of age or work or frequent or live in places where children and areas where children 19 20 congregate. 21 And that you not have any contact with the two 22 victims in this case or their families either in person, 23 telephone, mail or any other way. 24 That will be the sentence. We'll enter judgment

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As the Sixth Circuit is required, I have to ask both the prosecution and the defense if you have any objections to this sentence, procedural objections, or if there is anything that we have missed. MR. SHABAZZ: Your Honor, on behalf of Mr. Turner we would object. We don't believe that you have adequately taken into the consideration his childhood trauma, acceptance of responsibility, and the fact that a shorter, much shorter sentence still would achieve the purposes of 3553. THE COURT: Yes. You have stated that in your very able advocacy for your client. I have considered it. think I have addressed it. As far as the government is concerned?

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MS. DAUGHTREY: Your Honor, I wasn't entirely clear, but I think I heard you say the deterrence was part of the reasoning for the sentence as well as I know you touched on other factors.

THE COURT: Deterrence in the sense of protecting society.

MS. DAUGHTREY: Yes, the public.

THE COURT: From recidivist.

MS. DAUGHTREY: The other thing I'd like to bring to the Court's attention is that there is an outstanding forfeiture. I don't believe the defendant objects, but does need to be ruled on both orally and placed in the judgment.

1 THE COURT: Yes, that will be in the judgment on 2 the sentence. Thank you. 3 (Court was adjourned.) 4 THE CLERK: This is the case of USA v. Jarratt 5 Turner, Case No. 3:15-00093. Is the government present and ready? 6 7 MS. DAUGHTREY: Yes. 8 THE CLERK: Is the defendant present and ready? 9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 10 THE COURT: I am sorry to call you back. It is 95 11 percent mea culpa, five percent mea culpa shared by the two 12 attorneys and the Probation Department. I neglected to 13 advise the defendant of his rights to appeal. 14 Mr. Turner, you have the right to appeal from the 15 sentence that I have imposed. If you cannot afford the cost 16 of appeal, we will provide pay for those costs and provide an 17 attorney for you free of charge. 18 I also want to advise you that the government 19 would have a right to file a cross appeal. 20 Anything else? 21 MS. DAUGHTREY: Your Honor, if I may just clarify 22 My understanding is that you adopted the the sentence. 23 recommendation by the Probation Office except for with regard 24 to Count 17, which you want running concurrent to everything 25 else?

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